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SUBJECT: JDL URGES JEWS TO ARM

REF: USUN 1999 - POL 23-8 US

1. NYTIMES AND DAILY NEWS AUG 6 AND CHANNEL 5 TV NEWS AUG 5 REPORT JDL PRESS CONFERENCE AUG 5 IN BASEMENT BNAI ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BROOKLYN. ELI SCHWARTZ, AGE 20, STATED JDL URGES ALL JEWS TO BURY RIFLE OR SHOTGUN BECAUSE QUOTE OTHERS HAVE THEM SO JEWS MUST GET THEM IN ORDER TO DEFEND THEMSELVES UNQUOTE. TWO YOUNG JDL MEMBERS, ONE A GIRL, APPEARED WITH SCHWARTZ AND BRANDISHED WEAPONS. SCHWARTZ SAID JDL HAS BOUGHT 100 12-GAUGE SHOTGUNS AND 22 SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES WHOLESALE FROM REGISTERED GUN DEALERS AND HAVE SOLD THEM TO HASIDIC JEWS IN WILLIAMSBURG AREA OF BROOKLYN AT COST.

2. RABBI KAHANE WAS PRESENT BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN PRESS CONFERENCE. HE TOLD PRESS QUOTE I'M NOT HERE. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. UNQUOTE

RABBI KAHANE TOLD PRESS HE HAD JUST COME FROM VISIT WITH FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICER AND INTENDED ONLY TO PRAY IN SYNAGOGUE. AFTER CONFERENCE WEAPONS WERE THROWN IN CAR TRUNK AND RABBI KAHANE AND SCHWARTZ

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DROVE AWAY TOGETHER.

3. PRESS TOOK UP WITH JDL GENERAL COUNSEL BERTRAM ZWEIBON QUESTION WHETHER RABBI KAHANE HAS BROKEN TERMS OF PROBATION WHICH FORBID RABBI KAHANE FROM DIRECT OR INDIRECT ASSOCIATION WITH WEAPONS. ZWEIBON REPLIED THAT PROBATION ORDER AFFECTS RABBI KAHANE AND HIS TWO CO-DEFENDANTS WHO PLEADED GUILTY WITH HIM BUT NOT JDL. ZWEIBON SAID JDL IS NOT BUYING WEAPONS FOR ITSELF BUT IS FACILITATING PURCHASE BY JEWS BECAUSE QUOTE THE UNITED STATES IS A VIOLENT PLACE. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT. ASST US ATTY THOMAS R. PATTISON ASKED LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES SOME TIME AGO TO GATHER EVIDENCE TENDING SHOW RABBI KAHANE HAS VIOLATED

PROBATION. PATTISON TOLD MISOFF HE CONSIDERS RABBI KAHANE'S CONDUCT DESCRIBED ABOVE AS QUOTE ONE MORE STRAW BUT NOT THE LAST STRAW UNQUOTE EXEMPT. BENNETT

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